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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN PAKSE END

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1. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN PAKSE, WHICH BEGAN MORNING JANUARY 23, INTENSIFIED EARLY JANUARY 24 AND ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATORS EXCEEDED 1,000. STUDENTS WERE PROTESTING HIGH PRICES, FUEL SHORTAGES AND PROFITEERING BY FOREIGN MERCHANTS AND LOCAL ELITE, PARTICULARLY BY THE NOTORIOUS CHAO IANG NA CHAMPASSAK. STUDENTS WERE NOT PARTICULARLY DISORDERLY BUT DID BLOCK BRIDGE OVER SEDONE RIVER. LOCAL AUTHORITIES ALLOWED SITUATION TO CONTINUE AND, ON MORNING JANUARY 24, DEFENSE MINISTER SISOUK AND FORMER MR-IV COMMANDER, GENERAL PHASOUK, FLEW TO
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SCENE FROM VIENTIANE. SISOUK MET WITH STUDENTS AND

PROMISED HELP TO LOWER PRICES, EASE FUEL CRISIS, AND
ASSURED THAT NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS.
SISOUK'S REMARKS APPEASED THE CROWD AND THE DEMONSTRATIONS
BROKE UP BY LATE AFTERNOON JANUARY 24. REPORTS
TODAY FROM PAKSE INDICATE CALM STILL PREVAILS.
AIRGRAM FOLLOWS. WHITEHOUSE

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